

In the *Morning Sun* today there is an article in which it says that at this Convention which was sponsored by the National Municipal League, it was a Seminar on Constitutional Conventions chaired by former Governor Scranton of Pennsylvania, that Maryland was the last great hope for constitutional reform, that everybody is watching Annapolis, that Mr. Eney's leadership has started the Convention on the right track. There is the aura about Mr. Eney that he is above politics. That the National Municipal League halo should be awarded to Mr. Eney.

(Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: If the Chair would be permitted a matter of personal privilege, it would be to ask that you cease and desist.

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE H. TAYLOR: Just a few seconds more.

Accolade after accolade was poured upon our President. It said Mr. Eney sat stoically through the rhapsody but as Mr. Wheeler continued the Maryland Convention President's face grey cherry red.

(Laughter.)

We who are exposed to his firmness, his fairness and his patience I know when this Convention adjourns sine die will carry with us a great respect for this man and be ever grateful for the opportunity to have served under his leadership.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. It is very difficult for anyone to reply to that. I can say only one thing. The Chair cannot accomplish a thing without the cooperation of every delegate. I have had that cooperation. It is the only reason we can do anything. I thank you for it.

Are there any other announcements by delegates?

Delegate Kirkland.

DELEGATE KIRKLAND: Mr. Chairman, I do not think we should go by today without wishing Delegate Sam Jett happy birthday on his 66th.

(Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President.

You referred to Friday as the deadline under Rule 28-A [30]. Will that apply to

reports on interim provisions? Just how are we going to handle interim provisions?

THE PRESIDENT: No, it refers only to final reports of committees with respect to their recommendations. It will not apply to the report of the—by interim provisions I assume you mean report as to the schedule of legislation and schedule of transitory provisions.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: It cannot possibly be completed until much later.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 10:00 A.M. tomorrow morning.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor signify by saying Aye, contrary No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

(Whereupon, at 6:15 p.m. the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 15, 1967.)

PLENARY SESSION

NOVEMBER 15, 1967—10:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT H. VERNON ENEY,
PRESIDING

THE PRESIDENT: The Sergeant-at-Arms will clear the aisles and close the doors.

The Convention will please come to order.

The invocation this morning will be offered by the Reverend Carroll Yingling, St. Mark's Methodist Church in Baltimore. Reverend Yingling.

REVEREND YINGLING: Let us all pray:

O thou eternal God, who creates in us dissatisfaction with the past, and opens our eyes to the possibilities of the present, and who pushes us to assume responsibility for the future; guide these men and women elected to the task of forging the model which will determine the constitutional destiny of this State.

Sting them with an awareness of the history-making process of which they are a part. Fill them with anticipation for the